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# **2001 FEE SUBTITLE**

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**CHAPTER 22.900A <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>**  
**ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**22.900A.010 Title.**

Chapters 22.900A through 22.900G shall be known as the "Fee Subtitle," may be cited as such, and will be referred to herein as "this subtitle."

**22.900A.020 Purpose.**

A. It is the purpose of this subtitle to prescribe equitable fees and fee collection policies for all services provided by the Department of Design, Construction and Land Use hereafter, "Department" or "DCLU" which are sufficient to support the permitting and permit inspection functions of the Department.

B. An additional purpose of this subtitle is to prescribe special fees for testing, examination, registration, inspection, or the furnishing of certain services or materials.

**22.900A.030 Payment and responsibility for fees.**

A. No permit shall be issued or approved, no Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued, and no drawing or other data relating to such permit shall be examined until the corresponding fees prescribed by this subtitle have been paid.

B. Unless otherwise specified in this subtitle, each distinct component of an application, review, or permit shall be charged as a separate fee.

C. Both the applicant for the permit, and the owner of the property for which the permit is required, are jointly and severally responsible for payment of fees required by this subtitle, regardless of whether the permit is issued or whether the application is canceled or denied before permit issuance. However, when an applicant is not the owner and is not acting, even in part, as agent for the owner, the applicant is solely responsible for payment of applicable fees.

D. All unpaid annual rental housing registration fees for the period January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1996, as well as any late fees or associated penalties for nonpayment of such fees, are waived.

E. The Director is authorized to accept as payment for fees contemplated under the ordinance codified in this subtitle the following forms of payment: U.S. currency, cashier's checks, corporate checks, traveler's checks, personal checks drawn on in-state banks, electronic funds transfers, and credit cards. Further, the Director has full authority to refuse any form of payment where the Director believes sufficient cause exists to question the City's ability to collect full payment.

**22.900A.040 Administration and enforcement.**

A. For the purpose of this subtitle, the term "Director" means the Director of the Department or an authorized representative.

B. The Director is authorized to administer, interpret, and enforce the provisions of this subtitle provided, that

1. The Director of Public Health shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to fuel gas piping permits; and

2. The Director of Transportation shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Seattle Transportation review of projects; and

3. The Director of Seattle Public Utilities shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Seattle Public Utilities review of projects; and

4. The Director of the Department of Neighborhoods shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Certificates of Approval, Special Tax Valuation for Historic Properties and for environmental (SEPA) review of projects that include City of Seattle landmarks and projects located in special review districts or landmark districts; and

5. The Director of the Seattle Arts Commission shall administer, interpret and enforce sections of this subtitle that are applicable to Seattle Arts Commission review of projects.

C. The Director is authorized to collect fees listed in the preceding subsection for Seattle Transportation or Seattle Public Utilities, and to transfer those funds to them.

D. Where no definite method is prescribed in the subtitle for calculating the amount of fees, the Director may assess charges as required to cover costs.

E. The Director has full authority to specify the terms and conditions upon which services and materials are made available, and the fees as determined by the Director shall be consistent with the reasonable estimated cost to the City for furnishing such services or materials.

F. The total fee assessed for any permit, decision, review, inspection, or approval shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar (rounded down: \$.01 through \$.50; rounded up: \$.51 through \$.99).

## **22.900A.050 Transition.**

A. Land Use and Environmentally Critically Areas Fees.

Minimum land use review fees for applications requiring a land use or environmentally critical areas review shall be charged according to the permit fee legislation in effect when the application was received by the Department. Hourly fees shall be charged according to the legislation in effect when the review is performed.

B. Other Fees.

Fees for other applications shall be set according to the permit fee legislation in effect at the time the application was received by the Department, if one of the following occurs:

1. The permit is issued within 12 months of the start of the initial review; or

2. If longer than 12 months, the Director determines that there was reasonable and continuous progress on the completion of permit requirements.

3. If neither Item 1 or 2 occurs, the application shall be subject to the permit fee legislation in effect at the time of issuance.

4. Exception: 1. Fees for drainage, excavation, or shoring applications received prior to January 1, 1995 shall be subject to the permit fee legislation in effect on the date the fee is paid.

5. Site review fees for applications received prior to January 1, 2000 shall be subject to the permit fee legislation in effect on the date the application was received.

#### **22.900A.060 Delinquent fees.**

##### **A. Delinquent fees.**

Whenever any fees have not been paid within 30 days after the billing date, the person or persons responsible for payment of the fee may be billed, payable immediately, for the remainder of the fees due. Interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at 12% per annum, with a minimum \$1.00 charge. The Director is authorized to collect any fees that remain unpaid at 90 days after the billing date.

##### **B. Nonsufficient funds fees.**

Whenever checks accepted prove not to be covered by sufficient funds, the person or persons responsible for payment of the fee shall be billed, payable immediately, for the remainder of the fees due and a \$20.00 charge. This shall be in addition to the delinquent fees assessed in 22.900A.060.A.

##### **C. Remedies.**

1. The Director may issue a stop-work order as provided in Section 22.900A.070 where the person or persons responsible for payment of a fee have not done so within 30 days after the billing.

2. The Director may suspend processing and/or withhold issuance of a permit, decision, certificate or approval on any application where fees have not been fully paid, or on any subsequent or concurrent applications by the same person or persons responsible for payment of fees until such time as the fees are paid.

3. The Director may take other actions to collect amounts due, including but not limited to, placing delinquent accounts on a cash-only basis.

#### **22.900A.070 Work done without permit—Director's authority.**

A. It is unlawful to proceed with any work or with any portion of any construction, installation, alteration or repair when the fee required in this subtitle has not been paid.

B. Should it be found that any work is proceeding for which the required permit or approval fee has not been paid, the Director may immediately order the suspension of such construction, installation, alteration or repair by posting a stop-work order on the structure or premises and/or by notifying the owner, lessee or person in charge. It is unlawful for any person to remove, mutilate, conceal or destroy posted lawful notice or to proceed with work

after posting or notification until written authorization from the Director to proceed with the work has been received.

**22.900A.080 Civil penalty for violations.**

A. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this subtitle shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount of \$25.00 per day for each failure to comply, from the date of failure to comply until compliance is achieved.

B. The penalty imposed by this subtitle shall be collected by civil action brought in the name of the City and commenced in Municipal Court. The Director shall notify the City Attorney in writing of the name of any person subject to the penalty and the amount of the penalty and the City Attorney shall, with the assistance of the Director, take appropriate action to collect the penalty.

**22.900A.090 Severability.**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this subtitle is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this subtitle. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this subtitle and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.



## **CHAPTER 22.900B <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>** **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **22.900B.010 Base Fee and hourly rate.**

- A. The Base Fee shall be charged as specified in this subtitle and shall be \$125.00.
- B. Any services provided by the Department for which an hourly charge is assessed shall be charged at a rate specified in this subtitle. Applicants and owners shall be liable according to Section 22.900A.030C for all hourly charges incurred whether or not a favorable decision or recommendation is given by the Director or a project is canceled or denied.
- C. Where an hourly fee is specified, overtime shall be charged at that same rate; otherwise overtime shall be at a rate of \$125.00 per hour. All overtime shall require approval by the Director. The minimum fee for each overtime request shall be one hour, with minimum increments of one-quarter hour, in addition to other permit fees established by this subtitle.
- D. The Director may bill an applicant and require payment for accrued hourly or overtime charges at any time in the permit review process.

### **22.900B.020 Miscellaneous and special fees.**

- A. General.

Miscellaneous and special fees shall be assessed to recover City costs for services and materials which are not otherwise specified in this subtitle or where the valuation or other methodology normally used does not reflect actual conditions which may include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Notification, examination, consultation, testing, or inspection of proposals, sites (or locations), particular plans, construction, equipment, personnel or material which may be related to, but not directly covered by, a specific permit or approval process;
- 2. Furnishing or certification of affidavits, reports, data, or similar documentation;
- 3. Recording or filing documents with other agencies;
- 4. Delivery and mailing costs.

- B. Failure to cancel missed appointments.

A fee of \$35.00 per appointment shall be charged for failure by applicant to notify the Department at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled application intake appointment or a preapplication conference appointment that the appointment will not be kept.

- C. Expert witness testimony.

The fee for expert witness testimony shall be charged at the hourly rate.

D. Property address change.

The fee to correct the property address on an application or, if applicable, on an issued permit is \$26.00. When an address change is requested which is unrelated to an application for a permit or for an issued permit, a fee of one times the Base Fee shall be assessed.

E. Microfilm copies of microfilm records.

Charges for plans reproduced from the microfilm library are shown in Table B-1.

<b>Table B-1 — FEES FOR REPRODUCTIONS FROM MICROFILM</b>	
<b>Size or Type of Page</b>	<b>Price</b>
8½" X 11" or 8½ " X 14"	\$.25 per page
11" X 17"	1.00 per page
Diazo	3.00 per diazo

F. Special investigation.

1. Where a special investigation is made for an action requiring Department approval, a fee in addition to the permit fee shall be assessed as provided in Table B-2.

<b>Table B-2 — SPECIAL INVESTIGATION FEES</b>	
<b>Value of Work (For Permit)</b>	<b>Investigation Fee</b>
\$ 0 – 5,000	\$ 100.00
\$ 5,001– 50,000	\$ 300.00
\$ 50,001– 100,000	\$ 500.00
\$100,001– 500,000	\$1,000.00
\$500,001– 5,000,000	\$5,000.00
Over \$5,000,000	100% of permit fee

2. When a permit fee is not determined by valuation, the special investigation fee will be two times the amount of the permit fee.

3. Alternatively, at the discretion of the Director, the special investigation fee may be assessed at an hourly rate. Special investigation fees may be waived, at the discretion of the Director, for necessary work done in emergency situations.

4. The payment of a special investigation fee shall not relieve any person from complying with the requirements of the applicable codes in the execution of the work nor from any violation penalties prescribed by law.

5. The special investigation fee for a use not established by a permit under the current or previous Land Use Code shall be assessed at a rate of \$100.00.

G. Reinspection.

The fee for reinspection is one-half times the Base Fee per reinspection. No reinspection of the work shall be performed until the required fees have been paid; provided, that in the case of boilers and refrigeration systems, the permit holder may be billed for the reinspection fee. Reinspections of fuel-gas piping shall be charged according to Section 22.900G.030.

**22.900B.030 Time of collection of fees.**

A. Fees shall be collected at the times specified elsewhere in this code. If not specified, the minimum fee shall be collected at the time of application.

B. The fee collected at the time of application will be based on Department estimates of the total fees due at the time of permit issuance. The final fees will be recalculated during review, and any additional amount due shall be collected prior to the issuance of the permit, approval, denial, decision or recommendation, provided that hourly fees may be collected earlier, as described in Section 22.900B.010 D. Any fee in excess of the final calculated fee shall be refunded pursuant to Section 22.900B.050 and other sections of this code.

C. At the time an application or permit is denied or canceled, the final fee shall be determined. If a balance is due to the Department, the Director shall have the authority to waive fees when strict application of the fees is inconsistent with the purpose of collecting the fee.

**22.900B.040 Reserved.**

**22.900B.050 Refunds.**

Applicants may apply for refunds when an application or permit is withdrawn or canceled prior to the completion of the review and inspection process. The Director shall establish reasonable procedures for refund requests, including limitations on the time at which refund requests may be submitted. To request a refund, the applicant shall submit a request to the Director on a refund request form. The Director shall determine whether a refund is appropriate according to this subtitle.

**22.900B.060 Revisions and additions to applications.**

A. According to standards promulgated by the Director, the Department shall assess an additional fee for the plan examination of previous designs when a subsequent redesign of a project is submitted prior to permit issuance but after previous designs have been examined. The revision fee shall be assessed at the hourly rate not to exceed the permit fee that would have been charged for the original design. The total permit fee is the fee for the final design plus the revision fee.

B. The Department may assess a fee in addition to fees already charged for the original permit if the applicant makes an amendment to an existing unexpired or reestablished permit. The applicable fees will be assessed for all work necessary to process the amendment, including Seattle Transportation or Seattle Public Utilities review associated with the submitted amendment.

## **CHAPTER 22.900C ¾ FEES FOR LAND USE REVIEW**

### **22.900C.010 Land use fees.**

#### **A. Land Use Review Fees.**

The land use review fee for Master Use Permits, Council and Hearing Examiner approvals, Environmentally Critical Area approvals and other miscellaneous reviews, research and services shall be charged according to Table C-1 unless otherwise specified.

#### **B. Types of Land Use Reviews.**

The fee for applications with one or more Type A components and no Type B components shall be as specified in Table C-1 for Type A land use reviews. The fee for applications with one or more Type B land use review and no Type A component shall be as specified in Table C-1 for Type B land use reviews. The fee for applications with both Type A and Type B components shall be as specified in Table C-1 for Type C reviews. Only one minimum review fee shall be charged.

#### **C. Fee Components of Land Use Review Fees.**

Land use review fees include a minimum land use review fee and may include an hourly fee as specified in Table C-1. The minimum land use review fee covers administrative costs, public notice costs other than environmental review signs, and the number of review hours specified in Table C-1. Additional hours shall be charged at the rate specified in the Table.

#### **D. Time of payment.**

##### **1. The following fees are due prior to application or provision of service:**

a. Pre-application fee. The fee for land use pre-application conference specified in Table C-1 shall be paid prior to the conference.

b. Design review fee for Type A land use reviews. One-half the minimum land use review fee specified in Table C-1 (\$810) shall be paid upon application for the design review pre-design process.

c. Design review fee for Type B land use review: One-half the minimum land use review fee specified in Table C-1 (\$1,316).

##### **2. The following fees and amounts are due at the time of application or provision of service:**

a. Minimum land use review fee. The minimum land use review fee specified in Table C-1 shall be paid at application submittal. For projects entailing hourly fees in addition to the minimum land use review fee, the Director may require an additional deposit to be made at application submittal and periodic progress payments to be made during the application review process.

b. Design review fee for Type A land use reviews. The second half of the minimum land use review fee specified in Table C-1 (\$810) shall be paid upon application for the Master Use Permit.

c. Design review fee for Type B land use review. The second half of the minimum land use review fee specified in Table C-1 (\$1,316) shall be paid upon application for the Master Use Permit.

3. The following fees and amounts are due at the times specified below:

a. All outstanding land use fees shall be paid prior to the publication of a decision or recommendation on the application and prior to issuance of the permit. The actual charges and fees paid shall be reconciled and all outstanding balances are due and payable on demand. In cases where no published decision or recommendation is required, fees owed shall be paid prior to issuance of the permit, or issuance of a letter.

b. For Council and Hearing Examiner approvals, the fee due to date plus an estimated charge for future work up to and through final Council or Hearing Examiner action shall be paid at the time the recommendation of the Director is available for public review and before it is forwarded for final action. After final Council or Hearing Examiner action, the actual charges and estimated fee paid shall be reconciled and all outstanding balances shall be due and payable upon demand, and prior to issuance of the permit.

E. Additional Review.

In addition to the fees set in Table C-1, review time required on a project prior to, or in lieu of, an application will be charged hourly as determined by the Director.

F. Correction Penalty Fee.

After written notice to the applicant, a penalty fee of \$250.00 may be charged for each additional correction cycle required due to lack of response from the applicant.

G. Environmental Review Signs.

When an environmental review sign is required by the Land Use Code (See Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 23.76), a minimum environmental review sign fee of \$370.00 shall be charged for the fabrication, installation and removal of the sign according to Table C-1 unless otherwise specified.

Table C-1 — LAND USE FEES				
A. GENERAL PROVISIONS				
			Review Hours Covered by Minimum Fee	
Type of Land Use Review	Minimum Fee	Hourly Fee <sup>1</sup>	General	Low-income Housing <sup>2</sup>
A	\$1,620	\$250	20	30
B	\$2,632	\$250	10	20
C	\$3,897	\$250	16	26
B. MASTER USE PERMIT and ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREAS APPROVALS				
Type of Land Use Review			Type of Land Use Review	
1. Administrative conditional uses (ACUs)			A	
2. Design review				
a. Design review required by SMC 25.11.070 or 25.11.080 to protect exceptional tree when no other land use reviews are required			See Item 19 of this table.	
b. Design review elected by applicant for tree protection			See Item 19 of this table.	
c. All other design review			A	
3. Environmental reviews (SEPA), including projects with more than one addressed site <sup>3</sup>				
a. DNSs, mitigated DNSs, other lead agency project review			B	
b. DSs and EISs			B; 40 hour deposit is required	
c. EIS addenda/SEIS			B; 10 hour deposit is required	
d. PEIS latecomers fees			Reserved	
4. Environmentally critical areas (ECA)				
a. Exemption review			See Section 22.900D.145.	

b. Exception and wetland alteration exception	A
c. Yard reduction variance	B
d. Buffer reductions and restoration exceptions	A
e. Short plat cluster housing and ACU to recover development potential	B
5. General development plan	B
6. Plan shoreline permit -- See Council concept approvals	
7. Shoreline permits	
a. Substantial development permits	B
b. Variances <sup>4</sup> and conditional uses	B
c. Revisions (not due to required conditions)	See Item 39 of this table
8. Short subdivisions <sup>5</sup>	B
9. Special exceptions	B
10. Temporary use permit for more than 4 weeks	B
11. Variances <sup>4</sup>	A
<b>C. COUNCIL and HEARING EXAMINER APPROVALS</b>	
<b>Type of Land Use Review</b>	<b>Type of Review Fee</b>
12. Concept approvals (e.g., planned community/ residential development, public projects, City facilities, plan shoreline developments, other general development plans)	B
13. Council conditional uses	B
14. Full subdivisions <sup>6</sup>	B
15. Major Institution	
a. Master Plans	B; 40 hour deposit is required
b. Designation	B
16. Zoning map changes and rezones	B

<b>D. MISCELLANEOUS REVIEWS, RESEARCH, AND OTHER SERVICES</b>			
<b>Type of Land Use Review</b>	<b>Minimum Land Use Review Fee</b>	<b>Hourly Land Use Review Fee<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Review Hours Covered by Minimum Fee</b>
17. Concurrency	Reserved		
18. Curb cuts as a separate component			
a. single-family residential	\$62 each	None	None
b. other than single-family residential	\$125 each	None	None
19. Design Review for Tree Protection <sup>7</sup>			
a. Design review required by SMC 25.11.070 or 25.11.080 to protect exceptional tree when no other land use reviews are required	\$1,000	\$62 per hour for the second 10 hours; \$250 per hour after 20 hours	10
b. Design review elected by applicant for tree protection	\$0	\$62 per hour for the second 10 hours; \$250 per hour after 20 hours	10
20. Development potential analysis	\$1,000	\$250	4
21. Environmental review sign <sup>8</sup>	\$370	None	None
22. Establishing use for the record	\$500	250	2
23. Interpretations <sup>9</sup>			
a. Interpretations	\$1,500	\$250	6
b. Interpretations requested after publication of Director's report	\$2,000	\$250	8
c. Major Institution master plan	\$500	\$250	2
24. Legal building site letters	\$1,250	\$250	5
25. Lot boundary adjustment	\$1,250	\$250	5



26.	Major Institution – review of annual plan	\$1,500 per year	\$250	6
27.	Major phased development permit – minor amendment	\$500	\$250	2
28.	Neighborhood planning	Reserved		
29.	Noise survey review and variance	See Table D-2		
30.	Notice (additional) <sup>10</sup>			
	a. Land use information bulletin (GMR notice)	\$125	\$250	0.5
	b. Re-posting large sign or placards	\$250	\$250	1
	c. Mailed notice	\$500	\$250	2
	d. Landslide prone notice	\$375	\$250	1.5
31.	Open space remainder lots and surplus state property	\$1,000	\$250	4
32.	Pre-application conference <sup>11</sup>	\$100	\$250	1
33.	Public benefit feature review	\$500	\$250	2
34.	Rebuild letters	\$1,000	\$250	4
35.	Records research	\$110	\$110	1
36.	Renewals including shoreline renewals	\$500	\$250	2
37.	Revisions other than shoreline revisions	\$500	\$250	2
38.	School use and school development advisory committee reviews	\$2,500	\$250	10
39.	Shoreline permit revisions not due to required conditions	\$500	\$250	2
40.	Sidewalk caf��s	\$1,250	\$250	5
41.	Special accommodation	\$500	\$250	2
42.	Structural building overhangs and areaways as a separate component	\$500	\$250	2
43.	Vegetation removal <sup>12</sup>			
	a. Class A	\$500	\$250	2
	b. Class B	\$250	\$250	1
	c. Class C	\$125	\$250	0.5

**Notes to Table C-1:**

1. The hourly fee shall be charged for hours in excess of the review hours covered by the minimum land use review fee.
2. Low-income housing is housing which satisfies the definition of “low-income housing” in SMC 23.84.024. At least fifty percent of the total gross floor area of each structure on the site shall be committed to low-income housing use for at least 20 years.
3. A flat fee of \$430 shall be assessed by DCLU for Determinations of Non-significance (DNSs) and Mitigated Determinations of Non-significance (MDNSs) for projects that include City of Seattle landmarks and projects located within a special review or landmark district. No hourly fees shall be assessed for these types of approvals unless DCLU is the lead agency.
4. The single variance fee shall be applicable whether the project requires one or multiple variances.
5. Includes short subdivisions in environmentally critical areas.
6. Includes full subdivisions in environmentally critical areas.
7. This fee applies when design review is initiated only for tree protection and the application has no other Type A or B components.
8. The minimum fee is applied to the cost to fabricate, install and remove the environmental review sign. If the sign is removed or defaced before the final City decision, the applicant will be responsible for paying the vendor contracted with the City to repair or replace the sign.
9. The fees for interpretations of SMC Chapters 25.12, 25.20, 25.22, and 25.24 shall be collected by the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods.
10. Additional notice may be given in circumstances including but not limited to the following: reinstallation of environmental review signs, reposting of the land use review or environmental signs, new component reviews added subsequent to the original notice, revised decisions, and changes to the scope of the project.
11. This fee is not refundable and shall be applied towards the permit application fee if an application for a permit is made within 6 months of the date of the pre-application conference and if the project is identified by address at the time of the pre-application conference. The pre-application conference fee covers a one hour conference. Additional pre-application review time will be charged at the hourly rate. See also Section 22.900C.010.E
12. The three classes are defined by Director’s Rule 3-94.

**H. Refunds.**

1. **Nonrefundable Fees.** Fees for preapplication conferences and environmental signs are not refundable.
2. **Calculating Refunds for Land Use Fees.** The amount of land use review fee that may be refunded is calculated as follows.
  - a. For refunds requested before a required notice is complete, the amount eligible for refund is 75 percent of the minimum land use review fee plus 100% of the hourly deposit, if any, paid by the applicant.
  - b. For refunds requested after notice is complete and for applications for which notice is not required, the amount eligible for refund is the number of hours of review time multiplied by \$250, subtracted from the amount paid by the applicant.

## **CHAPTER 22.900D ~~3~~ FEES FOR NEW AND ALTERED BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **22.900D.010 Development permit fees.**

#### **A. General.**

The development fee shall cover the application, review and inspection process associated with new construction, additions, alterations, and repairs to existing buildings and establishment of use. The development fee shall consist of a permit fee and, where plans are reviewed, a separate plan review fee. The permit fee and plan review fee shall be determined based on valuation, except as provided below.

#### **B. Time of payment of fees.**

Fees collected at the time of application will be based on Department estimates of the total fees due at the time of permit issuance. The final Department fees will be recalculated during review, and any additional amount due shall be collected prior to the issuance of the permit, approval, denial, decision or recommendation, provided that hourly fees may be collected earlier, as described in Section 22.900B.010 D. Any fee in excess of the final calculated fee shall be refunded pursuant to Section 22.900B.050.

If, during the initial review, the previously-collected fee is determined to be less than 90% of the estimated fee, the review work subsequent to the initial review will not proceed until the discrepancy is paid to the Department.

1. Amount due prior to application. Fees for building preapplication conference shall be paid prior to the conference. See 22.900D.010H for building preapplication conference fees.

2. Amounts due at time of application. The following amounts are due at the time of application.

a. Applications for building and/or mechanical permits without plan review shall pay a fee for subject-to-field inspection (STFI) permits equal to the permit fee specified in Table D-2.

b. Applications for Building and/or Mechanical permits with plan review shall pay the plan review fee plus one-half the permit fee as specified in Table D-2.

c. For other applications, the minimum fee shall be collected at the time of application.

#### **C. Determination of value.**

1. The Director shall determine the value of construction for which the permit is issued (the estimated current value of all labor and materials, whether actually paid or not, as well as all finish work, painting, roofing, electrical, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, elevators, fire-extinguishing systems, automatic sprinkler systems, other mechanical systems, retaining walls, rockeries and any other permanent work or permanent equipment, but not including furnishings). The building valuation data from the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) as published in "Building Standards" and other

valuation criteria approved by the Director will be used to determine the value of construction.

2. The gross area, used in conjunction with the ICBO building valuation and other data to determine the valuation of a building project, means the total area of all floors, measured from the exterior face, outside dimensions or exterior column line of a building, including basements, cellars and balconies, but not including unexcavated areas. Where walls and columns are omitted in the construction of a building, such as an open shed or marquee, the exterior wall of the open side or sides, for purposes of calculating gross area, is the edge of the roof, including gutters.

3. The valuation for uncovered structures such as roof parking areas, plazas, piers, platforms, commercial decks and similar uncovered usable structures shall be computed on one-half the gross area.

4. Dish or panel antennae. The fee for processing applications for installation of a dish or panel antenna shall be charged on the value of the foundation and supports constructed for the installation. The value of the dish or panel antenna shall not be included in the determination of value.

5. The development fee for parks and playgrounds shall be based on the project value, including the value of improvements for structures incidental to the park or playground such as retaining walls, rockeries and restrooms, but shall not include the value of playground equipment.

6. The valuation shall be based on the highest type of construction to which a proposed structure most nearly conforms, as determined by the Director.

D. Phased permits.

1. When a new building project is proposed to be built in phases and the Director determines that separate development permits may be issued for portions of the project, the development fee for initial permits shall be based on the estimated value of the work under that permit according to Table D-2, except excavating permits shall be based on Section 22.900D.145. The fee for the final permit shall be the fee based on the total value of the new building project minus the sum of the fees for the initial permits, with no credit for an excavation permit fee.

2. Where an applicant requests division of an already-submitted permit application into separate applications, an additional fee of one times the Base Fee shall be charged for each separate application (including the original application which results from the division).

E. Calculation of development fees.

The development fee for a permit shall be calculated as described in this section: Table D-1 establishes the Development Fee Index for value-based development fees. Except as specified in Section 22.900D.010 F below, Table D-2 establishes the permit fee and plan review fee, calculated as a percentage of the Development Fee Index where determined by value. If two or more buildings are allowed under one permit, they shall be assessed fees as separate buildings under Table D-2. The individual fees shall then be added to determine the total development fee for the permit.

<b>Table D-1 — CALCULATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT FEE INDEX</b>	
<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>Development Fee Index</b>
\$0.00 to \$1,000.00	\$95.00 for the first \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$1,001.00 to \$50,000.00	\$95.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof.
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	\$585.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$0.75 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof.
\$100,001.00 to \$250,000.00	\$960.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$250,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$1,710.00 for the first \$250,000.00 plus \$4.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$500,001.00 to \$750,000.00	\$2,898.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$4.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$750,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$4,023.00 for the first \$750,000.00 plus \$4.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$1,000,001.00 to \$2,000,000.00	\$5,085.00 for first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$2,000,001.00 to \$3,000,000.00	\$9,085.00 for first \$2,000,000.00 plus \$3.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$3,000,001.00 to \$4,000,000.00	\$12,835.00 for first \$3,000,000.00 plus \$3.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$4,000,001.00 to \$5,000,000.00	\$16,335.00 for first \$4,000,000.00 plus \$3.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$5,000,001.00 to \$50,000,000.00	\$19,585.00 for the first \$5,000,000.00 plus \$2.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$50,000,001.00 to \$100,000,000.00	\$143,335.00 for the first \$50,000,000.00 plus \$2.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$100,000,001.00 to \$200,000,000.00	\$255,835.00 for the first \$100,000,000.00 plus \$1.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$200,000,001.00 and up	\$430,835.00 for the first \$200,000,000.00 plus \$0.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

<b>Table D-2 — CALCULATION OF DEVELOPMENT FEES DETERMINED BY VALUE</b>		
<b>Type of Development</b>	<b>Percent of Development Fee Index (DFI) Calculated from Project Value as Specified in Table D-1<sup>1</sup></b>	
	<b>Permit Fee</b>	<b>Plan Review Fee</b>
1. Building, with or without mechanical, with or without use <sup>2,3</sup>	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
2. STFI (Subject to field inspection—building and/or mechanical without plan review)	100% of DFI	none
3. Reserved	Reserved	Reserved
4. Mechanical permit separate from building permit <sup>3</sup> (See also Section 22.900D.090)	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
5. Blanket permit review fees:		
a. Initial tenant alterations within 3 years of first tenant permit within a building where the area of work is more than 50,000 sq. ft.	\$1.50 per 100 square feet <sup>1</sup>	\$1.70 per 100 square feet <sup>1</sup>
b. Initial tenant alterations after 3 years of first tenant permit, and other tenant alterations	100% of DFI	40% of DFI
6. Initial tenant alterations within 18 months of first tenant permit (non-blanket permit initial tenant improvements to shell and core) <sup>4</sup>	25% of DFI based on new building value of shell and core	25% of DFI based on new building value of shell and core
7. Standard plans:		
a. Establishment of standard plan, including temporary structures. (For swimming pools, see Item 16 below.)	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
b. Establishment of already-permitted plan as standard plan	100% of DFI	None
c. Subsequent reviews of standard plan, other than temporary structures	100% of DFI	40% of DFI
d. Subsequent reviews of standard plans for temporary structures	See Item 17 below	See Item 17 below

8. Factory-built housing and commercial structures	Base Fee x 1	Base Fee x 1
<b>Special Development Fees</b>		
<b>Type of Development</b>	<b>Permit Fee</b>	<b>Plan Review Fee</b>
9. Establishing use for the record:		
a. Applications with no construction	Base Fee x 1.5	None
b. Applications with construction	100% of DFI	100% of DFI
10. Noise survey reviews	None	\$125 per hour; 30-minute minimum
11. Parking facilities		
a. Outside a building	See Sec. 22.900D.060	
b. Within or on a building	See Sec. 22.900D.010.C	
12. Renewal fees		
a. Development permits and separate mechanical permits where original plans will be changed	\$125 per hour	\$125 per hour
b. Development permits other than separate mechanical where no change will be made to original plans	Base Fee x 1.5	
c. Separate mechanical where no change will be made to original plans	Base Fee x 1	
13. Residential oil storage tanks	See Table D-8	
14. Special inspection	Base fee x 1	

15. Swimming pools <sup>5</sup> :		
a. Unenclosed pools accessory to Group R-3 Occupancy	Base Fee x 4	
b. Unenclosed pools accessory to occupancies other than Group R-3	Base Fee x 6	
c. Principal use unenclosed pools	Base Fee x 6	
d. Future construction of an unenclosed swimming pool	Base Fee x 1	
e. Initial approval of standard plan for swimming pool accessory to Group R-3 Occupancy	Base Fee x 5	
f. Subsequent review of application based on approved swimming pool standard plan	Base Fee x 1.5	
16. Temporary structures, such as commercial coaches; renewal of permits for temporary structures <sup>6</sup>	Base Fee x 2 per structure	
17. Temporary tents, off-site construction offices & similar facilities	Base Fee x 2 plus \$500 refundable deposit per site <sup>7</sup>	
18. Temporary use permits:		
a. For 4 weeks or less <sup>8</sup>	Base Fee x 1.5	
b. For more than 4 weeks <sup>8</sup>	Base Fee x 2	

**Notes to Table D-2:**

1. The minimum permit fee or plan review fee for value-based fees is \$95.00.
2. The minimum fee for accessory dwelling units is \$180.00.
3. When there is no separate mechanical permit, the value of mechanical equipment included in the building permit application shall be included in the project value for the building permit.
4. This fee is applicable only to those initial tenants that reflect the use and occupancy established in the shell and core permit. The value used shall be the new construction value used in calculating value for the core and shell permit.
5. When a swimming pool is located within an enclosed building and is included in the building plans for that building, a separate fee shall not be charged for the swimming pool. The swimming pool area will be considered as floor area of the principal occupancy of the building.
6. This fee shall not apply to any on-site, temporary construction office where a valid building permit is in force.
7. All costs to the City for site cleanup shall be deducted from the deposit before the deposit is refunded.
8. Master use permit fees for such temporary uses shall be charged according to Table C-1.



F. Blanket Permits.

1. The application fee for a blanket permit to cover initial nonstructural tenant alterations within the first three years of the first tenant alteration permit shall be charged at the rate of \$3.20 per 100 square feet of space to be improved within the life of the permit. A deposit based on the estimated value of the work to be completed during the life of the permit shall be collected at the time of application. As individual tenant spaces are reviewed, the amount of the fee equivalent to the floor space examined shall be deducted from the deposit per Table D-2.

2. The application fee for a blanket permit to cover nonstructural tenant alterations in previously-occupied space, or to cover initial nonstructural tenant alterations after three years of the first tenant alteration permit, is \$95.00. A deposit based on the estimated value of the proposed work within 18 months shall be collected at the time of application. As individual tenant spaces are reviewed, the fee for the work to be done shall be calculated according to Table D-2 and deducted from the deposit.

3. When the estimated blanket fee deposit is used up in less time than the life of the permit and work remains to be done, an additional deposit shall be paid based on the estimated floor area remaining to be improved during the remaining life of the permit. When a portion of the deposit is unused at the end of the life of the permit and work remains to be done, credit for the balance of the deposit may be transferred from the expiring permit to a new blanket permit. To minimize additional accounting costs associated with blanket permits, where more than two deposits are made during the life of a blanket permit, the minimum amount of each subsequent deposit shall be \$2,000.00.

G. Certificate of Occupancy

The issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for existing buildings, either where no Certificate of Occupancy has previously been issued or where a Change of Occupancy is requested, requires a building permit. When there is no construction valuation (there is no work which would require a building permit), the minimum building permit fee shall be assessed. In addition to the minimum building permit fee, where records research, plan examination or inspection is required, charges shall be assessed at the rate of \$125.00 per hour. Where work is being done as authorized by a permit, the permanent Certificate of Occupancy fee is not assessed in addition to the building permit fee. The fee for a temporary Certificate of Occupancy shall be charged at the rate of one-half the Base Fee. The fee for the duplication of a Certificate of Occupancy is \$16.00 unless records research, plan examination or inspection is required, in which case charges shall be assessed at the rate of \$125.00 per hour.

H. Building preapplication conferences.

1. Required building preapplication conferences. When there is a requirement for a preapplication or predesign conference, such as buildings subject to the Seattle Building Code special provisions for atria (Section 402), or highrise buildings (Section 403), 35% of the estimated plan review fee for the structure shall be charged and paid as specified in Section 22.900D.010.B, and applied toward the development permit fee. (See Table C-1 for land use preapplication conference fees.)

2. Other building preapplication conferences. When a preapplication conference is requested by the applicant but is not required by Code, a fee equal to one and one-half times the Base Fee shall be paid no later than the time of the conference. Such fee is required for each meeting held on a project, and will be applied toward the future permit application fee provided:

- a. The project is identified by the proper address at the time of the preapplication conference; and
- b. The permit application is made within six months of the date of the preapplication conference.

I. Correction penalty fee.

After written notice to the applicant, a penalty fee of \$250.00 will be charged for each additional correction cycle required due to lack of adequate response from the applicant.

J. Refunds.

1. Refunds of development permit fees shall be calculated as specified in Table D-3. See also Section 22.900B.050.

2. Refunds shall not be given for the following fees:

- a. Demolition permits;
- b. Renewal or reestablishment of permits; and
- c. Preapplication conferences.

<b>Table D-3 — CALCULATING REFUNDS of DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FEES</b>		
<b>I. Application Filed, Permit Not Issued.</b>		
<b>Stage in Review Process</b>	<b>Amount of Permit Fee Eligible for Refund Based on 50% of Total Permit Fee Calculation<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Amount of Plan Review Fee Eligible for Refund Based on 100% of Total Plan Review Fee Calculation</b>
A. Application filed, plans not routed	40%	90%
B. Plans routed for initial review, review not complete	20%	80%
C. Initial review completed, plans not approved	0%	70%
D. Initial review completed, routed for first correction review, review of first corrections not completed.	0%	60%

E. Review of first corrections completed, plans not approved	0%	50%
F. Plans routed for review of second corrections, but review not completed	0%	40%
G. Review of second corrections completed, plans not approved.	0%	30%
H. Review of third corrections not completed.	0%	20%
I. Review of third corrections completed, plans not approved.	0%	10%
J. Application approved, permit not issued.	0%	0%
<b>II. Permit Issued<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>Stage in Review Process</b>	<b>Amount of Permit Fee Eligible for Refund Based on 100% of Total Permit Fee Calculation</b>	<b>Amount of Plan Review Fee Eligible for Refund</b>
Permit issued, work not started	25%	0%
Permit issued, work started	0%	0%

**Note to Table D-3:**

1. Fifty percent of the estimated permit fee is paid at the time the application is submitted. The amount refunded before the permit is issued is a percentage of the fifty percent.
2. After the permit is issued, the entire permit fee has been paid. Therefore, the amount to be refunded after issuance is based on 100 percent of the permit fee.

**K. Renewals.**

Fees for renewal of permits shall be charged according to Table D-2.

**L. Reestablishment.**

The following fee shall be charged for reestablishment of development permits.

1. One and one-half times the Base Fee; plus
2. If plan review had been required for the original permit, an additional amount of \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of value of work that was not completed and inspected under the expired permit shall be charged; plus
3. If changes are made to the original plans, an additional fee shall be charged for inspection and/or plan examination at \$125.00 per hour.

The maximum fee for reestablishment is ten times the Base Fee.

When the fee for a new permit would be less than one and one-half times the Base Fee, then the fee to reestablish the permit shall be the same as for a new permit.

#### **22.900D.020 Repealed**

See Section 22.900D.145.

#### **22.900D.030 Concrete mix design approval.**

The fee for the evaluation of a concrete design mix is one-half times the Base Fee, paid in advance of the evaluation decision being rendered.

#### **22.900D.040 Repealed**

See Section 22.900D.145.

#### **22.900D.050 Repealed**

See Section 22.900D.145.

#### **22.900D.060 Fees for parking facilities outside of buildings.**

A. A fee for parking facilities outside of buildings shall be charged for the review of plans to regrade and resurface existing parking facilities, to reconfigure existing parking facilities (rearrange parking spaces and aisles), to establish parking facilities on existing paved areas, and to establish and construct new parking facilities, whether the principal use of a lot or accessory to another use, as provided in Table D-7. (Parking facilities within buildings shall be charged fees in accordance with Section 22.900D.010.)

B. In determining the area of the parking facility, all aisles and landscape areas internal to the parking facility shall be included. Driveways to the parking facility and landscape areas on the periphery of the parking facility shall not be included.

C. These fees shall not apply to any parking facility which is underground and within a structure or on the roof of a structure, or to any extension of a parking facility which is primarily under a building, provided that the uncovered extension is no more than four feet beyond the footprint of the building. The fees for these parking facilities shall be charged in accordance with Section 22.900D.010.

<b>Table D-7 — PARKING FACILITIES FEES</b>		
<b>Parking Lot Size (Square feet of Gross Parking Area<sup>1</sup>)</b>	<b>Fee Without Associated Building or Use Permit<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Fee With Associated Building or Use Permit<sup>2</sup></b>
Over 4,000	\$326.00	\$264.00
2,000-4,000	\$264.00	\$163.00
Less than 2,000	\$110.00	No fee

#### **Notes to Table D-7:**

1. Where an existing parking facility is being reconfigured, gross parking area shall be the area being reconfigured.

2. Associated building or use permits are permits that have not expired (or are still going through the review process).

D. The fee for renewal of a permit for a parking facility is one and one-half times the Base Fee where there are no changes in the plans. If changes are made to the original plans, an additional fee shall be charged for inspection and/or plan examination at \$125.00 per hour.

#### **22.900D.070 Floodplain development approval or license fee.**

The fee for processing and review of applications for floodplain development approvals shall be charged at the rate of one and one-half times the Base Fee, except that the fee for processing and review of applications for a floodplain development license shall be charged at the rate of one times the Base Fee.

#### **22.900D.080 Demolitions and relocations.**

A. Demolition. The fee for demolition permits is \$165.00.

B. Relocation other than floating homes.

1. The fee to relocate a building from within the City to a location outside of the City is \$165.00 demolition fee for the site from which the building is moved.

2. The fee to relocate a building to any location within the City limits includes

(a) an amount calculated according to Table D-2 as for new construction for the foundation and additions to the building; and

(b) a fee for alterations to the building calculated as for alterations to other buildings; and

(c) \$165.00 demolition fee for the site from which the building is moved.

3. Relocation permits require a deposit or bond of \$10,000.00, refundable upon the completion and approval of the foundation and framing.

C. Floating home relocation.

The fee to relocate a floating home shall be charged at the rate of one and one-half times the Base Fee.

#### **22.900D.090 Permit fees for mechanical equipment and systems, other than boilers and pressure vessels and refrigeration systems.**

A. Mechanical permit fees for the installation, replacement or major alteration of heating equipment, incinerators and other miscellaneous heat-producing appliances shall be charged as set in Table D-8. Fees shall be charged for each furnace when it is applied for without plans. No separate fee shall be charged for a furnace when it is included in plans for a mechanical air-handling system submitted for a mechanical permit.

B. Mechanical permits are considered part of a building permit, with no additional fee, when mechanical plans are reviewed at the same time as structural and architectural plans for the same building project. The fees for a separate mechanical permit for installation, alteration or repair of mechanical air-handling systems, including ducts attached thereto,

associated nonresidential heating and cooling equipment, and mechanical exhaust hoods, including ducts attached thereto, are charged per Table D-2.

C. Mechanical Permits Subject to Energy Code. The fees for Energy Code review are included in the fees in Tables D-2 and D-8.

D. Simple Mechanical Permits. The fee for work which the Director determines qualifies for a simple mechanical permit is \$650.00 for five permits, each having a value of \$130.00. Each \$130.00 permit may be applied to work with a value up to \$7,000.00.

E. The fee to renew a mechanical permit shall be as specified in Table D-2. The fee to renew a furnace permit is one-half the Base Fee.

F. The fee to reestablish a wood stove or furnace permit is one-half the Base Fee.

<b>Table D-8 — PERMIT FEES FOR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Type of Installation</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Forced air, gravity-type, or floor furnace <sup>1</sup> , gas or oil suspended heater, heat pump, recessed wall heater or floor-mounted space heater, wall furnace, circulating heater or woodstove/fireplace insert, including ducts and burners attached thereto	\$80.00 per unit <sup>3</sup>
New gas or oil burners and newly installed used gas or oil burners <sup>2</sup>	\$80.00 per unit <sup>3</sup>
Appliance vents Class A, B, BW or L when installed separately	\$64.00 per unit <sup>3</sup>
Mechanical air-handling systems	See Table D-2.
Appliances or equipment or other work not classed in other categories, or for which no other fee is listed.	Hourly at \$125 per hour. Minimum of one-half times the Base Fee.

**Notes to Table D-8:**

1. Renewal of a furnace permit shall be charged at the rate of one-half times the Base Fee.
2. See Table D-12 for rates for burners installed in boilers.
3. Fees shall be charged for furnaces when they are applied for without plans. No fee shall be charged for furnaces when they are included in plans for a mechanical air-handling system submitted for a mechanical permit.

G. Refunds. Refunds of mechanical permit fees shall be calculated as specified in Table D-9.

<b>Table D-9 — CALCULATING REFUNDS OF MECHANICAL FEES</b>	
<b>MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT</b>	
<b>Stage in Review Process</b>	<b>Amount Eligible for Refund</b>
Permit is issued; no work started.	25%
Permit is issued; work started.	0% (No refund allowed)

**22.900D.100 Refrigeration equipment and systems.**

A. Fees for the installation, addition, repair, replacement and alteration of refrigeration equipment and systems shall be charged as set in Table D-10.

B. Temporary installations of 10 days' duration or less, made for the purposes of exhibition, display or demonstration shall be charged a fee of \$29.00 for each installation.

<b>Table D-10 — REFRIGERATION PERMIT FEES<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Type or Size of System/Equipment</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Basic fee	\$29.00
Additional installation fee per compressor	
0–5 HP	\$ 29.00
6–25 HP	59.00
26–100 HP	119.00
101–500 HP	156.00
Over 500 HP	193.00
<b>Repair and alteration (value of work)</b>	
\$0 – \$1,000.00	\$29.00
\$1,001.00 – \$5,000.00	\$44.00
Over \$5,000.00	\$74.00 plus \$29.00/each \$5,000.00 of valuation above \$10,000.00

**Note to Table D-10:**

1. Where the application for permit shows cooling tonnage rather than horsepower, the fees of this table shall apply at a rate of one horsepower equals one ton of cooling capacity.

C. Refunds. Refunds of refrigeration permit fees shall be calculated as specified in Table D-11.

<b>Table D-11 — CALCULATING REFUNDS OF REFRIGERATION FEES</b>	
<b>REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT</b>	
<b>Stage in Review Process</b>	<b>Amount Eligible for Refund</b>
Permit is issued; no work started.	25%
Permit is issued; work started	0% (No refund allowed)

**22.900D.110 New installations and alterations of boilers and pressure vessels.**

A. Fees for the installation of boilers and pressure vessels shall be charged as set in Table D-12. The fee for alteration or repair of boilers when an inspection is required is a minimum fee of one-half times the Base Fee and a fee for inspection time beyond the first one-half hour of \$125.00 per hour.

B. Boiler permits subject to Energy Code. The Energy Code fee for boiler permits is included in the fees specified in this section.

C. The fee to reestablish a boiler permit is one-half the Base Fee.



Table D-12 — INSTALLATION PERMIT FEES FOR BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS			
Type Of Installation	Heated By Combustion Products	Electric Power	Installation Fee
	Heating--Surface (In Square Feet)	Input (In KW)	
Boilers	0–250	0–200	\$110.00
	251–500	201–400	162.00
	501–750	401–600	219.00
	751–1,000	601–800	316.00
	Over 1,000	Over 800	397.00
Pressure vessels <sup>1</sup>			
	0–15		\$74.00
	16–30	(Length times	97.00
	31–50	diameter in	138.00
	51–100	square feet)	178.00
	Over 100		219.00
Burners <sup>2</sup> and/or automatic certification	0–12,500,000 Btu/hr		\$110.00 (each fuel)
	Over 12,500,000 Btu/hr		\$171.00 (each fuel)
Monitoring System	Per Boiler		\$203.00
All types above			Renewal Fee \$55.00

**Notes to Table D-12:**

1. Rating size is the product of the two greatest dimensions of the vessel: diameter X overall length for the cylindrical vessels; maximum width X maximum length for rectangular vessels.
2. When a burner is installed in conjunction with a boiler, a separate fee shall not be charged for the burner.

**22.900D.120 Boiler and pressure vessel plan approval.**

The fee for processing boiler and pressure vessel plans shall be charged at the same rate as the installation fee, provided that a minimum fee shall be charged at the rate of one-half times the Base Fee.

### **22.900D.130 Shop and field assembly inspections.**

- A. The Director may, upon written request of any manufacturer or assembler licensed to do business in the City of Seattle who has an appropriate American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Symbol and holds a valid Certificate of Authorization from the ASME, make shop and field assembly inspection of boilers, boiler piping and unfired pressure vessels and provide for certification of manufacturers' data reports of such inspections as may be required by the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code rules. This service shall be provided only when the equipment is to be installed within the City of Seattle, and only when the applicant is unable to obtain inspections from private inspection agencies or other governmental authorities.
- B. Fees for shop and field assembly inspection of boilers and pressure vessels shall be charged at the same rate as the installation fees for the equipment or at an hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour, with a minimum fee charged at the rate of one times the Base Fee for any one inspection.
- C. Fees for inspection requested for other than shop and field assembly inspection shall be charged at an hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour, with a minimum fee charged at the rate of one times the Base Fee for any one inspection.
- D. No fee shall be charged for the emergency inspection of a boiler or pressure vessel which has burst, burned or suffered other accidental damage, provided the boiler or pressure vessel is covered by a current valid certificate of inspection.

### **22.900D.140 New installations and alterations of elevators.**

- A. Permit fees for new installations and relocations of passenger or freight elevators, automobile parking elevators, escalators, moving walks, material lifts, dumbwaiters, lifts, and private residence elevators shall be charged as set forth in Table D-13.
- B. The permit fee for alterations and repairs to existing elevators, escalators, lifts, moving walks, dumbwaiters, and other conveyances shall be charged on a valuation basis as set forth in Table D-13, provided that in no case shall the fee for alteration or repair exceed the fee if the same were a new installation.
- C. The fee for a temporary, 60-day operating permit is one times the Base Fee.
- D. The fee to reestablish an elevator permit is one-half the Base Fee.

<b>Table D-13 — ELEVATOR PERMIT FEES<sup>1,2,3,4</sup></b>	
<b>Type of Conveyance</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>New Installations and Relocations</b>	
Hydraulic elevators	\$345 plus \$30 per hoistway opening
Cabled geared and gearless elevators	\$660 plus \$50 per hoistway opening
Residential elevators	\$260
Dumbwaiters, manual doors	\$125 plus \$15 per hoistway opening
Dumbwaiters, power doors	\$125 plus \$35 per hoistway opening
Escalators and moving walks	\$980 plus the following: (width in inches + run in feet + vertical rise in feet) x \$3
Handicap lifts (vertical and inclined)	\$200
Material lifts	\$240
<b>Alterations &amp; Repairs</b>	
Handicap lifts (vertical and inclined)	\$100 plus \$15 for each \$1,000 of construction value or fraction thereof.
Other elevators, escalators, walks, dumbwaiters and lifts	\$125 plus \$20 for each \$1,000 of construction value or fraction thereof.
Elevator Cosmetic Alterations Only:	
Weight differential less than or equal to 5%	\$125 plus \$20 for each \$1,000 of construction value or fraction thereof, to a maximum fee of \$250
Weight differential greater than 5%	\$125 plus \$20 for each \$1,000 of construction value or fraction thereof.
Alteration or replacement of a door opening device	\$145

**Notes to Table D-13:**

1. Each separately-powered unit is considered a separate conveyance. Applications and permits shall be issued accordingly. (See Seattle Building Code Section 3006.1.)
2. Installation fees include charges for electrical equipment installed in connection with any conveyance and such equipment shall not be subject to a separate electrical permit and fee.
3. Each of these fees includes a nonrefundable portion in the amount of one times the Base Fee.
4. The fee for alteration and repair shall not exceed the fee for the same device if installed as new.

**22.900D.145 Site review fee.**

A. The fee for plan review and inspection of the following are as provided in this section and Table D-SR:

1. Land-disturbing activity as defined in the Stormwater, Grading and Drainage Control Code SMC 22.801.130; and

2. Drainage, including temporary drainage and erosion and sedimentation control.

B. The minimum fees for site review are specified in Table D-SR, and shall be paid at the time specified in the Table. Hourly fees due in addition to the minimum fee will be calculated during review. Payment of hourly fees is due at the times specified in Table D-SR or may be charged in accordance with Section 22.900B.010.

C. The charge for review time, including inspections, in excess of the time included in the minimum fee is \$125 per hour.

D. The fee for third party review as specified in the environmentally critical areas regulations, Seattle Municipal Code Section 25.09.080C, and for shoring review is the contract cost to the Department for the review plus an amount equal to 15% of the contract amount for administration and review of the third party geotechnical report and professional opinion. Seventy-five percent of the estimated contract amount shall be paid prior to the contract award.

E. Site review fees are nonrefundable.

<b>Table D-SR — SITE REVIEW FEE</b>				
<b>Type of Site Review</b>	<b>Minimum Fee</b>	<b>Time at which minimum fee is due</b>	<b>Review Time Included in Minimum Fee</b>	<b>Time at Which hourly fees are due</b>
1. Pre-application site inspection	\$94	Before application is submitted	3/4 hour	At the time of application intake
2. Drainage and grading separate from a development permit	\$125	At the time of application intake	1 hour	At the time of permit issuance
3. Review to determine Environmentally Critical Area exemption <sup>2</sup>	\$63	At the time of application intake	½ hour	At the time of decision

4. Site located in Environmentally Critically Area unless fully exempt from ECA standards	\$313	At the time of application intake	2-1/2 hours	At the time of permit issuance
5. Sites requiring Geotechnical and Drainage review	None—fee will be charged for each hour of review	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	At the time of permit issuance
6. Post-issuance site inspection and other review	\$125 times the minimum number of required inspections <sup>1</sup>	At the time of permit issuance	One hour times the minimum number of required inspections	At the time of final inspection, issuance of Certificate of Occupancy or permit expiration

**Note to Table D-SR**

1. The minimum number of required inspections shall be determined according to rules promulgated by the Director when the permit is issued. The charge for review time, including inspections, in excess of the time included in the minimum fee is \$125 per hour.

2. The fee for review of exemptions applies to all levels of exemption.

**22.900D.150 Electrical permit fees.**

A. Permit fees when plans and specifications are required.

1. Permit fees for electrical installations for which plans and specifications are required under the provisions of the Seattle Electrical Code shall be charged on a valuation basis as set forth in Table D-14.

2. When approved by the Director to submit plans for advance plan examination, 50% of the estimated permit fee shall be collected at the time of the permit application and plan submittal.

3. The Director shall determine the value of the construction, which is the value to the vendee of all labor, material, fittings, apparatus and the like, whether actually paid for or not, supplied by the permit holder and/or installed by the permit holder as a part of, or in connection with, a complete electrical system, but which does not include the cost of utilizing equipment connected to the electrical system. The Director may require verification of the stated cost of any work subject to these fees.

When the cost of any proposed installation is unknown, an estimate of the cost shall be made and used to compute the permit fee.

The permit fee specified in Table D-14 is due at the time of application. Upon completion of the installation, a fee adjustment may be made in favor of the City or the permit holder, if requested by either party.

4. When plans which have been examined and corrected are altered and resubmitted, hourly charges for reexamination shall be assessed at \$125.00 per hour.

5. When a duplicate set of approved plans is submitted for examination and approval at any time after a permit has been issued on the original approved plans, hourly charges for Departmental work shall be assessed.

B. Blanket permits for electrical work.

1. A blanket permit to cover electrical work shall be charged at the rate specified in Table D-14 for the value of the work to be done within one year.

2. When the initial deposit for one year is used up in less than one year and work remains to be done, an additional deposit shall be paid based on the fee from Table D-14 for the estimated value of work remaining to be done in that year. When a portion of the deposit remains unused at the end of one year and work remains to be done, credit for the balance of the deposit may be transferred from the expiring permit to a new blanket permit for electrical work.

C. Permit fees when plans and specifications are not required.

1. Permit fees for electrical installations, additions and alterations for which plans and specifications are not required shall be as set forth in Table D-15. The permit fee specified in Table D-15 is due at the time of application.

2. Permit fees for temporary electrical installations shall be charged for services only at the rate set forth in Table D-15.

D. Phased permits.

1. When an electrical project is proposed to be installed in phases and the Director determines that separate electrical permits may be issued for portions of the project, the permit fee for the initial permits shall be based on the estimated value of the work under that permit according to Table D-14. The fee for the final permit shall be the fee based on the total value of the electrical installations minus the sum of the values of the initial permits.

2. Where an applicant requests that an application for a permit be divided into separate applications subsequent to the initial submittal of a unified application, an additional fee shall be charged at the rate of one times the Base Fee for each separate application which results from the division.

**Table D-14 – ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES  
(when plans are required)**

<b>Total Valuation</b>	<b>Fee</b>
\$0.00 to \$1,000.00	\$90.00 for the first \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$1,001.00 to \$3,700.00	\$90.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$5.70 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof.
\$3,701.00 to \$50,000.00	\$244.00 for the first \$3,700.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof.
\$50,001.00 to 100,000.00	\$1,170.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof.
\$100,001.00 to \$250,000.00	\$1,920.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$10.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$250,001.00 to \$500,000.00	\$3,420.00 for the first \$250,000.00 plus \$9.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$500,001.00 to \$750,000.00	\$5,795.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$9.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$750,001.00 to \$1,000,000.00	\$8,045.00 for the first \$750,000.00 plus \$8.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$1,000,001.00 to \$2,000,000.00	\$10,170.00 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$8.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$2,000,001.00 to \$3,000,000.00	\$18,170.00 for the first \$2,000,000.00 plus \$7.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$3,000,001.00 to \$4,000,000.00	\$25,670.00 for the first \$3,000,000.00 plus \$7.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$4,000,001.00 to \$5,000,000.00	\$32,670.00 for the first \$4,000,000.00 plus \$6.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$5,000,001.00 to \$50,000,000.00	\$39,170.00 for the first \$5,000,000.00 plus \$5.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$50,000,001.00 to \$100,000,000.00	\$286,670.00 for the first \$50,000,000.00 plus \$4.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$100,000,001.00 to \$200,000,000.00	\$511,670.00 for the first \$100,000,000.00 plus \$3.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.
\$200,000,001.00 and up	\$861,670.00 for the first \$200,000,000.00 plus \$1.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof.

Table D-15 — ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES* (when plans are not required)				
1. Administrative Fee				
a. An administrative fee of \$35.00 will be charged for items 2 through 8 and 10 in addition to the other fees specified in this table.				
b. An administrative fee of \$26.00 will be charged when work is added to an existing permit and when other information is changed.				
2. Services				
	Size	Fee		
a. Services (installation, relocation and temporary installations; size based on conductor ampacity)	1 - 125A	\$43.00		
	126 - 200A	71.00		
	201 - 300A	99.00		
	301 - 400A	142.00		
	401 - 500A	170.00		
	501 - 599A	207.00		
b. Temporary construction power for single-family residence	Any	43.00		
3. Feeders <sup>1</sup>				
	Size	120v only	208v-480v	>480v
	15-25A	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$15.00
	30-50A	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$30.00
	60-125A	\$22.50	\$22.50	\$45.00
	150-225A		\$30.00	\$60.00
	250-400A		\$73.00	\$89.00
	450 & Above		\$110.00	\$141.00
4. Connections, Devices and Branch Circuits <sup>2</sup>				
a. Connections		Fee		
Light outlet, switches, plugs, fixtures <sup>3</sup> , residential-type fan		\$ .90 each		
Track lighting or multi-outlet assembly		.90 for every 2 feet of track		
b. Devices and Branch Circuits				
Dimmer (commercial 2,000 watt or over)		\$ 8.60 each		
Non-electric furnace <sup>4</sup>		7.00 each		
Dedicated appliances & utilization circuits (cord and plug or direct wired)				
(15-25A)		7.00 each		
(30-50A)		15.00 each		



Range	15.00 each
Water heater (220 volt)	15.00 each
Floodlight <sup>5</sup>	3.20 each
Sign	19.00 each
<b>5. Transformer Installations<sup>6</sup></b>	
Up to 300 VA	\$3.20
Up to 6 KVA	\$7.00
Up to 15 KVA	\$22.50
Up to 30 KVA	\$30.00
Up to 45 KVA	\$43.00
Up to 75 KVA	\$71.00
Up to 112.5 KVA	\$142.00
Up to 225 KVA	\$170.00
> 225 KVA	\$207.00
<b>6. Motor Installations</b>	
Up to 1/3 HP	\$ 3.20
Up to 3/4 HP	7.00
Up to 3 HP	10.70
Up to 5 HP	13.60
Up to 10 HP	17.00
Up to 20 HP	25.00
Up to 50 HP	43.20
Up to 100 HP	59.30
Up to 200 HP	121.90
Over 200 HP	133.70
<b>7. Electric Furnaces and Heaters</b>	
Up to 2 KW	\$ 3.20
Up to 5 KW	7.00
Up to 15 KW	9.60
Up to 30 KW	18.90
Up to 50 KW	40.80
Up to 100 KW	66.50
Up to 200 KW	162.00
Over 200 KW	270.00

<b>8. Low-voltage and Communication Systems</b>	<b>Fee</b>
a. Low-voltage systems <sup>7</sup> —sound systems, security systems, fire alarms, nurse call, industrial controls and similar	Requires separate permit for each system
Control unit	\$ 2.65 each
Device (actuating, horn, alarm, etc.)	.65 each
Control systems (>100 volts) shall be based on the feeder schedule.	
b. Communications systems <sup>8</sup> —voice cable, data cable, coaxial cable, fiber optics and similar. The maximum fee is \$235.00.	
Control unit	\$ 2.65 each
Outlet	.65 each
<b>9. Special Events</b>	
a. Inspections occurring during normal business hours—\$62.50 for first one-half hour; \$125.00 per hour for additional time	
b. Inspections occurring outside normal business hours—\$187.50	
<b>10. Inspections for which no other fee is listed</b>	
Each	\$125.00 per hour; minimum one-half hour
*See Electrical Code for permit exemptions	

**Notes to Table D-15:**

1. Feeders will be charged only for (a) subpanels, (b) distribution panels, and (c) branch circuits of 60 amperes or over.
2. Fees will be charged according to either section 4a or 4b. Section 4a will be used only when fees according to section 4b cannot be determined.
3. Fixtures will be charged only for replacement, reinstallation or installation separate from light outlet wiring.
4. For furnaces where service exceeds 25 amperes, provided an additional feeder fee shall not be charged. For furnaces where service is 25 amperes or less, the furnace fee shall not apply provided a feeder fee is charged.
5. Outdoor area lighting (parking lots, streets, etc.) The floodlight fee is charged per luminaire.
6. The transformer fee includes the primary feeder and one secondary feeder up to and including the first panelboard or disconnect. Additional secondary panelboards or disconnecting means are charged at the appropriate feeder rate.
7. Low-voltage systems include, but are not limited to, systems listed in Chapter 7 of the National Electrical Code.
8. Communication systems include, but are not limited to, systems listed in Article 770 and Chapter 8 of the National Electrical Code.

**F. Renewals.**

The fee to renew an electrical permit is one-half times the Base Fee.

G. Reestablishment.

The fee to reestablish an of electrical permit is one-half times the Base Fee.

H. Refunds.

Refunds of electrical fees shall be calculated as specified in Table D-16. See also Section 22.900B.050.

<b>Table D-16 — CALCULATING REFUNDS OF ELECTRICAL FEES</b>	
<b>ELECTRICAL: FOR PLAN REVIEW OR OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) PERMITS</b>	
<b>Stage in Review/Inspection Process</b>	<b>Amount Eligible for Refund</b>
Permit filed, plan review required but not started	100% minus ½-hour processing fee
Plan review started or completed, no inspections	100% minus the sum of the following: any accrued hourly charges for plan review
Plan review completed/permit issued and inspection(s) made, permit not finalized	100% minus the sum of the following: any accrued hourly charges for plan review + ½-hour charge for each inspection made
Advance plan review process completed but permit not issued	100% of fee paid minus the sum of the following: any hourly charges for plan review
Permit issued (OTC) (no plan review required) no inspection(s) requested	100% minus the sum of the following: \$35.00 + ½-hour charge for one inspection
Permit issued (OTC) (no plan review required) Inspection(s) made, permit not finalized	100% minus the sum of the following: \$35.00 + ½-hour charge for each inspection made
Sign permit filed, plan review required, no inspections made	100% minus ½-hour processing fee
Sign permit filed, plan review required, inspections made, permit not finalized	100% minus the sum of the following: ½-hour processing fee + ½-hour charge for each inspection made
Any permit finalized	No refund

**22.900D.160 Sign, billboard, awning and canopy permit fees.**

A. Permanent signs.

For permanent signs, a permit fee of \$80.00 shall be charged for the first 100 square feet or less of the total display area of the sign plus an additional charge of \$6.50 for each ten square feet or fraction thereof of total display area in excess of 100 square feet. Each sign or group of signs for a single business entity installed simultaneously on a single structure shall be charged a separate permit fee per business entity. The addition of a sign or group of signs for one business entity to the structure requires a separate permit.

B. Sign measurements.

All signs erected or painted simultaneously for a single business entity, provided they are on a single structure, shall be measured together and assessed a fee as if a single sign. Directional ground signs between 5 and 7 square feet may be measured together and assessed a fee as if a single sign.

C. Sign area.

For the purpose of this section, sign area shall be measured in accordance with Section 23.86.004 of the Land Use Code.

D. Wall signs.

The maximum fee for signs painted on or otherwise applied directly to the building wall without a frame or mechanical fasteners is \$305.00.

E. Awnings and canopies.

A separate permit fee is required for the installation of awnings and canopies. The fee assessed for the installation is based on the valuation of the awning or canopy and is 100% of the Development Fee Index as calculated according to Table D-1. This fee is separate from the fee for any sign on the awning or canopy.

F. Signs on awnings and canopies.

A permit fee separate from the awning permit fee is required for a sign installed or painted on an awning or canopy. Signs for separate business entities are assessed a separate fee whether or not on a separate awning or canopy. All signs for each business entity installed concurrently on an awning or canopy shall be measured to determine the total square footage and shall be assessed a fee as though one sign. The subsequent addition of a sign or group of signs for one business entity requires a separate permit.

G. Time of payment.

Permit fees for signs, awnings and canopies shall be paid at the time of application.

H. Renewal.

The fee to renew a sign, awning or canopy permit is \$43.00.

I. Reestablishment.

The fee to reestablish a sign, awning, or canopy permit is one-half the Base Fee.

**22.900D.170 Design Commission fees.**

A. City Capital Improvement Projects, as Defined in SMC Section 3.58.020.

Design Commission fees shall be assessed at a rate of three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the construction cost for City capital improvement projects for which billing will commence on or before December 31, 1998, except as specified in subsections B and D of this section. Billing will occur at the time of contract award by the Executive Services Department, who will forward the bills to the Department for distribution to appropriate City departments. Payment will be made through a fund transfer to the Department Operating Fund.

B. Major City Capital Improvement Projects.

Except as specified in subsection D of this section, Design Commission fees shall be assessed at a rate of up to three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of the construction cost for major City capital improvement projects (greater than \$10,000,000 construction budget) for which billing will commence on or before December 31, 1998. The fee shall be set through negotiations with the Budget Director and the Design Commission. Billing shall occur in accordance with a schedule agreed upon by the Budget Director and the Design Commission.

C. 1. For City capital improvement projects, as defined in section 3.58.020, for which no billing commenced under subsection A or B on or before December 31, 1998, and that do not fall within an exception in subsection D of this section, the Budget Director, the Design Commission, and each affected City department will attempt to agree on that department's projects, that are expected to be assessed by the Design Commission in the following year. If no agreement is reached by a date established by the Budget Director, the Budget Director will establish the list of such projects. The Budget Director may establish the assessable appropriation of a City capital improvement below the actual appropriation in order that the project not be assessed an unduly high fee relative to the cost of the anticipated Design Commission review.

2. The Budget Director will assess a uniform fee of up to one percent of the total of all departments' capital improvement project appropriations for those projects assessable for Design Commission fees. Such fee shall be set so as to be sufficient, when combined with other funding sources, to support the anticipated costs of the Design Commission for the following year, but in no case shall the fee exceed 1%.

3. The Director of Design, Construction and Land Use shall bill each department in the amount determined by the Budget Director, and that amount shall be paid by fund transfer to the Department Operating Fund.

4. If a capital improvement project's appropriation has been included in a fee assessed under this section, but Design Commission review of that project is delayed into a future year, that appropriation amount shall not be counted again in the calculation of the fee for any future year. If review of a project on which a fee has been assessed under this subsection C is canceled, or if review commences on a project that, but for timeliness, would have been included but was not included in the calculation of a fee under this subsection C, the Budget Director shall adjust the department's total assessable appropriation downwards or upwards, respectively, when establishing the subsequent year's fee.

D. Special Exceptions.

The Commission will bill the following projects at the hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour per Commissioner for subcommittee review, or \$700.00 per hour for full Commission review, except that fees may be waived, in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Commission with the concurrence of the Budget Director in the following circumstances:

1. Whenever Commission fees, if charged, would be disproportionate to the sums available and could cause abandonment of the project for the following types of

projects: artworks, projects funded by grants and donations, neighborhood self-help projects undertaken by volunteers and nonprofit organizations, and small capital improvements.

2. For low-income and special needs housing projects subject to Design Commission review.

E. Street Use Permit Reviews.

Street use permit reviews, which are required before issuance of a street use permit for improvements within the public right-of-way, will be billed at the hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour per Commissioner for subcommittee review, or \$700.00 per hour for full Commission review. Billing will be sent to Seattle Transportation for inclusion into the plan review costs charged to the applicant, or be billed directly by the Department. For those projects billed through Seattle Transportation, payment will be made by a fund transfer from the Seattle Transportation Operating Fund to the Department Operating Fund from funds paid by the applicant.

F. Early Master Use Permit Stage or Projects Outside City Contract Process.

For design review at an early Master Use Permit stage or for projects outside The City of Seattle contract award process, Design Commission fees will be billed by the Department at an hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour per Commissioner for subcommittee review, or \$700.00 per hour for full Commission review.

## CHAPTER 22.900E ~~3/4~~ FEES FOR CERTIFICATES AND REGISTRATIONS

### 22.900E.010 Off-premises advertising sign (billboard) registration fees.

A registration fee of \$40.00 shall be charged initially to establish and annually to renew each face of an off-premises advertising sign (billboard). The renewal fees are due on or before July 1, 2002 and on July 1 of each subsequent year.

### 22.900E.020 Boiler and pressure vessel certificates of operation.

The fee for certificates of operation for boilers and pressure vessels shall be charged in accordance with Table E-1. Where the inspection is performed by the City, the certificate fee includes the certificate of operation, the inspection and one reinspection, if necessary.

<b>Table E-1 — FEES FOR CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION FOR BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS</b>			
<b>Type of Installation</b>	<b>Heating By Combustion Products</b>	<b>Heated By Electricity</b>	<b>Reinspection and Certificate Fee<sup>1</sup></b>
	<b>Heating Surface (In Square Feet)</b>	<b>Electric Power Input (In KW)</b>	
Boilers <sup>3</sup>	0–250	0–200	\$65.00
	251–500	201–400	122.00
	501–750	401–600	178.00
	751–1,000	601–800	275.00
	Over 1,000	Over 800	340.00
Controls and limit devices for automatic boilers (Charged in addition to those fees listed above)	Automatic boilers (input)		Annual
	0–12,500,000 Btu		\$65.00
	Over 12,500,000		81.00
Monitoring systems for automatic boiler (Charged in addition to those fees listed above)			Annual
			\$162.00

<b>Table E-1 — FEES FOR CERTIFICATES OF OPERATION FOR BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS <i>Continued</i></b>		
Unfired pressure vessels <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Rating Size	Biennial
	0–15	\$37.00
	16–30	65.00
	31–50	106.00
	51–100	138.00
	Over 100	203.00
Domestic water heaters located in Group A, E or I Occupancy		Biennial \$25.00

**Notes to Table E-1:**

1. Fees for boiler and pressure vessels which are inspected by authorized insurance company inspectors are 50% of those set forth in Table E-1; provided, that the 50% rate shall not apply to the charges for controls and limit devices for automatic boilers specified in Table E-1, and further provided that no fee shall be less than the minimum.
2. Rating size is the product of the two greatest dimensions of the vessel: diameter X overall length for the cylindrical vessels; maximum width X maximum length for rectangular vessels.
3. Fees for low-pressure hot water supply boilers installed prior to January 1, 1989, consisting of tanks whose contents are heated by electric elements shall be charged at the same rates that apply to unfired vessels of the same size.
4. When a burner is installed in conjunction with a boiler, a separate fee shall not be charged for the burner.

**22.900E.030 Fees for elevator certificates of inspection.**

- A. Certificates of inspection for elevators will be issued upon acceptance inspection and for each subsequent annual reinspection after payment of the fee set in Table E-2.
- B. The fee for renewal of a certificate of inspection to operate any conveyance is as set in Table E-2.



<b>Table E-2 — FEES FOR ELEVATOR CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Type of Conveyance</b>	<b>Fee for Each Conveyance</b>
Hydraulic elevators	\$110.00
Cable elevators <sup>2, 3</sup>	\$150.00 plus \$11.00 for each hoistway opening in excess of two
Sidewalk elevators	\$100.00
Hand-powered elevators	\$100.00
Dumbwaiters	\$100.00
Escalators and moving walks	\$150.00
Handicap lifts (vertical and inclined)	\$95.00
Material lifts	\$100.00
Fire emergency systems, Phase I or both Phase I and Phase II	\$50.00

**Notes to Table E-2:**

1. Each separately-powered unit is considered a separate conveyance. Separate applications and permits are required for each conveyance. (See Section 3006.1, Seattle Building Code.)
2. Elevators having a continuous hoistway wall of 100 feet or more without openings shall be charged a fee of \$245.00 plus \$11.00 for each hoistway opening in excess of two.
3. The fee for roped hydraulic elevators is the same as cable elevators.

**22.900E.040 Refrigeration systems annual operating permit fee.**

The annual operating permit fee for any refrigeration system is calculated according to Table E-3. The fee for multiple systems on a single premises is based upon the total motor horsepower at the premises.

<b>Table E-3 — REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS ANNUAL OPERATING FEES</b>	
<b>Size of equipment</b>	<b>Fee</b>
0 – 50 HP	\$59.00
51 – 100 HP	\$90.00
Over 100 HP	\$126.00
Over 100 HP (Type 2 refrigerant)	\$185.00

**22.900E.050 Boiler, refrigeration and gas piping licenses and examinations.**

Fees for boiler, refrigeration and gas piping examination and annual license fees, payable in advance, shall be charged as set in Table E-4.

<b>Table E-4 — FEES FOR BOILER, REFRIGERATION, AND GAS PIPING LICENSES AND EXAMINATIONS</b>		
<b>License fees:<sup>1</sup></b>		
Refrigeration Contractor		
Class A		\$100.00
Class B		\$100.00
Class C		\$160.00
Air-conditioning contractor		\$100.00
Refrigeration service shop		\$ 45.00
Journeyman refrigeration mechanic		\$ 45.00
Refrigeration service shop mechanic		\$ 45.00
Industrial refrigeration engineer		\$ 45.00
Refrigeration operating engineer		\$ 45.00
Steam engineers and boiler firemen (all grades)		\$ 45.00
Boiler supervisor, all grades		\$ 75.00
Gas piping mechanic		\$ 45.00
<b>Examination fees – all licenses</b>		<b>\$ 20.00</b>

**Note to Table E-4:**

1. When a license is issued that will expire in less than six months from the date of issuance, the fee is one-half the annual fee.

**22.900E.060 Registration of special inspectors.**

- A. The fee for the initial examination of an applicant for registration as a registered special inspector, including the Special Inspector Certificate of Registration, shall be charged at the rate of one and one-half times the Base Fee.
- B. Special inspectors who wish to be registered for additional categories shall take an examination for each new category. The fee for each additional examination shall be charged at the rate of one times the Base Fee.
- C. The fee for renewal of a Special Inspector Certificate of Registration covering one or more types of inspection for which the registrant has been qualified is \$25.00.
- D. The fee for a special inspector to repeat an examination shall be charged at the rate of one times the Base Fee.

**22.900E.070 Certification of fabrication plants.**

A fee of three times the Base Fee shall be charged for certification of an approved fabricator's manufacturing plant at the time of initial application for approval. The fee to

renew an approved fabricator's manufacturing plant certification is one and one-half times the Base Fee.

**22.900E.080 Revisions to current special inspection authorizations.**

When changes to the authorized special inspections or inspectors are requested, separate from a permit revision, a fee shall be charged for each additional change, after the first such change. The fee is one-half times the Base Fee for any changes that occur at one time for a single permit. All fees shall be paid prior to final Department approval of the special inspections.

**CHAPTER 22.900F <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>**  
**COMPLIANCE AND OTHER INSPECTIONS**

**22.900F.010 Monitoring vacant buildings.**

A. A quarterly reinspection fee shall be charged as set forth in Table F-1 for reinspections of buildings closed pursuant to or in response to the requirements of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code. Building and premises shall be maintained per the standards of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code, Land Use Code, Solid Waste Code and Weeds and Vegetation Ordinance.

<b>Table F-1 — MONITORING VACANT BUILDINGS</b>	
<b>Condition of Premises</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Building is closed to entry and premises are in compliance with applicable codes.	\$165.00
Building is closed to entry and premises are not in compliance with applicable codes.	\$275.00
Building is not closed to entry regardless of compliance with applicable codes.	\$330.00

B. The Department shall send a bill to the taxpayer and/or owner of record of each property inspected.

**22.900F.020 Noise fees.**

A. Certain construction and land use proposals require noise survey reviews. Project review shall be charged according to Table F-2. Any hourly fees owed shall be paid prior to the publication of a decision on the application and prior to issuance of the permit. The actual charges and fees paid shall be reconciled and all outstanding balances shall be due and payable on demand. In cases where no published decision is required, hourly fees owed shall be paid prior to issuance of the permit, or issuance of a letter.

B. Applications for noise variances shall be charged according to Table F-2, except for applications for temporary noise variances as components of a master filming permit issued pursuant to SMC Section 15.35.010 which shall be charged as part of the single fee for the master filming permit. In addition to the amounts specified in Table F-2, applicants shall reimburse the Department for actual costs associated with review of the application.

The fee for renewal of noise variances is the same as for new applications.

Fees for noise variances are not refundable.

<b>Table F-2 — NOISE FEES</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b>Permit Fee</b>	<b>Project Review Fee</b>
Temporary noise variance (No separate fee when issued as part of a master filming permit)	\$100	None
Economic/technical variance in residential zones	\$100	\$125 per hour (2-hour deposit)
Economic/technical variance in commercial/industrial zones	\$250	\$125 per hour (2-hour deposit)
Noise survey reviews	See Table D-2	See Table D-2

### **22.900F.030 Research and inspection on Notices of Violation.**

The fee to conduct research to issue a certificate to clear the title records of a property cited with a Notice of Violation shall be charged at the rate of one-half times the Base Fee. If an inspection in the field is also performed an additional fee at the rate of one times the Base Fee shall be charged.

### **22.900F.040 Advisory Housing and Building Maintenance Code and condominium conversion inspection.**

- A. The fee for advisory inspections requested pursuant to the Housing and Building Maintenance Code or inspections required by the Condominium Conversion Ordinance shall be charged at the rate of two and one-half times the Base Fee for inspecting a building and one housing unit plus a charge at the rate of one-half times the Base Fee for inspecting each additional housing unit in the same building. No additional fee shall be charged for one follow-up inspection, if requested.
- B. Additional reinspections requested or required after the first reinspection shall be charged a fee at the rate of one times the Base Fee for each building and one housing unit plus one-fourth times the Base Fee for each additional housing unit in the same building.
- C. Refunds. Refunds of housing fees shall be calculated as specified in Table F-3.

<b>Table F-3 — CALCULATING REFUNDS OF HOUSING FEES</b> <b>(Advisory housing and required condominium conversion inspections)</b>	
<b>Stage in Review Process</b>	<b>Inspection Fee Amount Eligible for Refund</b>
Written request received by DCLU; but initial file setup not started	100%
File set up, but inspection not undertaken	100% minus (2 x Base Fee and .5 x Base Fee for each unit in excess of 1 unit)
Inspection has been made and the building is found to be in compliance at initial inspection	0% (No refund allowed)

### **22.900F.050 House barge licenses.**

The fee for a house barge license is \$330.00. The fee to renew a house barge license is \$165.00.

## CHAPTER 22.900G $\frac{3}{4}$ FEES COLLECTED FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS

### 22.900G.010 Fees for Department of Neighborhoods review.

The following fees shall be collected by the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods and deposited in the General Fund.

A. Certificate of Approval Fees. There is a charge for a Certificate of Approval as required by all applicable ordinances for the construction or alteration of property in a designated Special Review District, Landmark, Landmark District, or Historic District of \$10.00 for construction costs of \$1,500.00 or less, plus \$10.00 for each additional \$5,000.00 of construction costs up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00 except that when an applicant applies for a certificate of approval for the preliminary design of a project and later applies for a certificate of approval for a subsequent phase or phases of the same project, a fee shall only be charged for the first application. There is an additional charge of \$10.00 for a Certificate of Use Approval in the Pioneer Square Preservation District, the Pike Place Market Historical District and the International Special Review District.

B. Special Valuation Program For Historic Properties. There is a charge of \$250.00 for review by the Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board of applications for special tax valuation for historic properties pursuant to the Historic Property Act (RCW Chapter 84.26). A fee for Board review of proposed alterations to historic properties shall be charged according to the schedule of fees set forth in Section 22.900G.010A (Certificate of Approval Fees).

### 22.900G.020 Fees for review by the Seattle Transportation Department and the Seattle Public Utility.

The fees shown in Table G-1 shall be collected by the Department for transfer to the Seattle Transportation Department (SeaTran) or the Seattle Public Utility (SPU).

<b>Table G-1 — SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT and SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITY FEES</b>		
<b>Work for Which Fee is Charged</b>	<b>Amount of Fee</b>	<b>Department</b>
1. Building grade sheet	\$220	SPU
2. School Use and School Development Advisory Committee reviews	\$110 per hour	SeaTran
3. Major institution master plans	\$110 per hour	SeaTran
4. Processing of right-of-way dedications	\$110 per hour	SPU
5. Shoring and excavation review <sup>1</sup>	\$110 per hour	SeaTran

**Note to Table G-1:**

1. A separate street use permit must be obtained from SeaTran under Title 15 if excavation or shoring will occur in the public right-of-way. This fee is collected for SeaTran for shoring projects adjacent to the public right-of-way; it is for the review of utility conflicts, bonding, and temporary use of the right-of-way, and for a deposit to pay for inspections during construction.

**22.900G.030 Fees for review by the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health (Fuel-gas piping).**

A. Fees for fuel gas piping shall be collected by the Director of Public Health. The basic fee for gas piping installations is \$75.00 for one through four outlets, and \$10.00 for each additional outlet. A minimum of \$75.00 is nonrefundable.

B. The fee shall not apply to the installation of any domestic hot-water heaters or any other domestic gas-fired appliance connected to a plumbing system whenever such appliance or heater is included in a plumbing installation for which a basic plumbing permit has been issued.

C. A reinspection fee for fuel gas piping of \$40.00 may be assessed for each inspection when such portion of work for which inspection is called is not complete or when corrections called for are not made. This is not to be interpreted as requiring inspection fees the first time a job is rejected for failure to comply with the requirements of this Code, but as controlling the practice of calling for inspection or reinspection.

Reinspection fees may be assessed when the permit is not properly posted on the work site, the work to be inspected is not under test, and for failure to make required corrections. To obtain a reinspection the applicant shall file an application therefor in writing upon a form furnished for that purpose, and pay the reinspection fee in accordance with this code. In instances in which reinspection fees have been assessed, no additional inspection of the work will be performed until the required fees have been paid.

**22.900G.040 Fees for review by the Seattle Arts Commission.**

The fee for services furnished by the Seattle Arts Commission is \$50.00 per hour. The minimum charge is \$200.00.



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